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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PEACE AND UNIFICATION COUNCIL (PUC) MEETING

1. SUMMARY: ON APRIL 26, MEMBERS OF PUC RECEIVED GOV'T
REPORT ON CURRENT POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ISSUES. PRESS
COVERAGE EMPHASIZED ROKG STUDYING TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE
PROPOSAL AND PURSUING POSITIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY TOWARD
USSR. END SUMMARY.

2. ATTENDING THREE AND ONE-HALF HOUR SESSION WERE PRIME
MINISTER CHOI, ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHUNG, VICE SPEAKER KU TAE-HOE,
FONMIN PAK, MINDEF NO, UNIF MIN YI, ACTING DRP CHMN YI HYU-SANG,
NDP HEAD YI CH'UL-SUNG, YUCHONG-HOE POLICY CMTE CHMN HYON
O-BONG, AND IND ASSEMBLYMAN KWON O-TAE.

3. FONMIN'S PRESENTATION OF ROKG REPORT AND HIS RESPONSE TO
INTERPELLATIONS APPARENTLY CONSTITUTED MAIN PART OF MEETING.
PRESS ACCOUNTS OF MAJOR TOPICS COVERED SUMMARIZED AS
FOLLOWS: (A) ROKG PURSUING POSITIVE DIPLOMACY TOWARD
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USSR (FONMIN QUOTED SAYING, "IT IS PREMATURE FOR THE
GOV'T TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF THE DIPLOMACY"); (B) ROKG
STUDYING TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE PROPOSAL; BASIC ROK
POSITION REMAINS PRES PARK'S THREE PRINCIPLES FOR
PEACEFUL UNIFICATION; (C) KAL CREW MEMBERS EXPECTED
TO BE RELEASED IN ABOUT ONE WEEK; (D) ROK WILL SEEK
INVITATION TO PYONGYANG WORLD PING-PONG MATCH; EVEN

IF US PARTICIPATES IN ABSENCE OF ROK, "PING-PONG DIPLOMACY" NOT LIKELY TO DEVELOP; (E) PARK TONG-SUN'S TESTIMONY APPEARS SATISFACTORY TO US; PTS LIKELY TO RETURN FOR SENATE APPEARANCE IN MAY; (F) TROOP WITHDRAWAL IN PROGRESS UNDER PRINCIPLE OF "SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES FIRST AND WITHDRAWAL LATER"; MINDEF ADDED EQUIPMENT TRANSFER "WELL IN PROGRESS"; PM POINTED OUT ROK HAD FULL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO PRES CARTER'S ADJUSTMENT OF WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE; (G) ROKG HAS CONTACTED NON-ALIGNED AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN CONNECTION WITH UNGA STRATEGY; (H) PM SAID DOCUMENT DENYING BLUE HOUSE BUGGING ALLEGATION CARRIED "MEANING OF APOLOGY"; (I) MIN OF UNIF CALLED CONFEDERATION PROPOSAL "UNREALISTIC" AND "IMPRACTICAL". NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, MOST PRESS ATTRIBUTED ABOVE POINTS TO FONMIN.

4. PRESS SAYS PM CONSIDERED MEETING TO HAVE BEEN MORE SOMBER AND SERIOUS THAN PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY SESSIONS. YI CH'UL-SUNG APPARENTLY DID MOST OF INTERPELLATING; CHOSUN ILBO SAYS RULING CAMP PARTICIPANTS COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION. YI DEMANDED RELEASE OF RECENTLY ARRESTED ASSEMBLYMAN KIM IN-KI (NO ROKG RESPONSE REPORTED).

5. COMMENT: SPEAKER CHUNG HIGHLY PRAISED FONMIN'S PERFORMANCE TO AMB SNEIDER, CALL IT "STATESMANLIKE", IN CONTRAST TO CONFIDENTIAL

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